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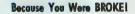
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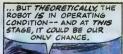
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MARVEL COMICS GROUP, 575 MADISON AVE. N.Y.C. 10022 brother's and all I have to say is the plot stinks, the art stinks,

Great I Issue #4 was the best yet! A menagerie of monsters is definitely a refreshing change from a slew of superheroes, but where do you so from here? The name "Demonicus" is neat, but sounds more like something Dr. Strange would fight, And what's the problem with Dum Dum Dugan? Is he obsessed or something? He acts like he's still fighting WWII and Godzilla's a Nazi.

Robert A. Rusk 2208 Albatross Street San Diego, CA 92101

Glad you liked the name Demonicus, Rob, but truth to tell. editor Archie Goodwin deserves the credit for coming up with it. Upon conceiving the main human villain for our two-part tale in issues #4 & 5, writer Doug Moench dubbed him Dr. Nightgaunt, partially in homage to favorite fantasy writer Fritz Leiber and partially because Doug's sorta weird. At any rate. Arch felt the name was a bit too close to an earlier Moench miscreant (from WEREWOLF BY NIGHT) called Dr. Glitternight, and hence made the change. Doug, already somewhat schizoid, was a bit confused during the scripting phase of those two issues, but all's well that ends well, especially when it's capped by a nifty behind-the-scenes peek like this, right? Dear Marvel.

I don't know why the Shield Godzilla Squad is having such a bard time. All they have to do is ask Thor to get Karnilla the Norn Queen to turn Godzilla Into a frog.

> Michael Broy 8009 Bay Shore Drive Margate, NJ 08402

4 T . Car 11. Gee, Mike, we never thought of that one. Wonder if Doug and Herb need an idea for next issue's plot, ..?

Gentlemen:

When you guys at Marvel take on a task you tackle it headon with relative ease. GODZILLA, as a comic, would probably turn most people off, but you pull it off beautifully. Let me get one thing out in the open: I do not like monster magazines, I was not thrilled by FRANKENSTEIN and cannot pop my cork over DRACULA. So if this letter sounds just a bit biased. you're lucky I don't hate the book.

The first three issues would not have come off nearly as well as they did without Moench, Trimpe, and the super agents of SHIELD, In my personal opinion, more than anyone else the Shield boys make the entire package click. Let's be honest, folks. Would that green, garlic-breathed reptile make it without someone like SHIELD to pick up the slack? I doubt it - and even with SHIELD, I don't really have much confidence in this title. . .but then I never thought Carter would get out of Plains.

Trimpe and Mooney make an especially great team; Old Godzie never looked better. Of course, he never made a pretty picture in the first place. As for Moench - well, he's always been a favorite of mine, ever since he started scripting MASTER OF KUNG FU, GODZILLA's lucky to have him.

Good luck on this new endeavor. You might need it.

Toy M. Garland Jr. 7106 Dearborn Houston, TX 77055

True, Toy, we might - but we'think we've found a fantastic substitute for the vagaries of luck.

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Dear Marvel,

The idea of making Godzilla a comic is stupid! Anyone who likes Godzilla is stupid! I have looked at a few issues of my

and the idea stinks. Oh, and to all you Godzilla lovers, sooner or later you'll snap out of it.

Godzilla Hater (No Address Given)

Hey, Godz, quit beatin' around the bush, huh? Y'got somethin' to say, spit it out!

Dear Doug.

You've done it, and I'm glad, I couldn't have imagined a more unlikely place to do it than GODZILLA, but there it is, right there in issue #3.

"A Tale of Two Saviors" was the antithesis of every Marvel "team-up" story I've ever read! Such stories have been a staple at Marvel long before the advent of either MARVEL TEAM-UP or MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE, and I've noticed that no matter how dissimilar the teamed heroes are, they always manage to perfectly mesh their individual abilities and dispatch their foe(s) with complementary ease.

For years now, I've wanted to see a team-up tale in which the supertypes involved do nothing but get in each others' ways, making a complete botch of their joint mission. "A Tale of Two Saviors" was just what I've been looking for, The Champions and Dum Dum's "Godzilla Squad" got along as well as dogs and cats. The way one group kept interfering with the other absolutely delighted me, and the ultimate indignity -Hercules' downing of the Helicarrier - had me roaring in approval. It was one of the most memorable sights I've seen in a comic in quite some time.

I still have some reservations about the Big Green Tamale himself, and every time I open this mag I keep thinking about how I'd rather be reading your all-new exploits about a bronzed guy named Savage. But for doing "A Tale of Two Saviors" - thanks.

> Bruce Canwell Meadows Rd, RFD #2 Bowdoin, ME 04008

Dear Marvel.

I must thank you wholeheartedly for bringing my favorite movie ster into comic book form. GODZILLA is simply superb, mindboggling, remarkable. Herb's interpretation of Godzilla is terrific, and Dum Dum Dugan and Jimmy Woo are stupendous supporting characters.

f hope you plan to include the filmic Godzilla's numerous fellow monsters. The movie "Destroy All Monsters" featured nearly all of his Toho costers (Rodan, Ghidrah, Gigan, Mothra, Anzilla, Aspiga, Manda, etc.) And the one Marvel character I've always wanted Godzilla to meet is the Incredible Hulk. After all, they're both mean and green.

Brett Slack 195 Oak St. Amityvílle, NY 11701

Thanks for giving us the opportunity, Brett, to answer an often voiced request. While our contract with Toho Studios grants us the comics rights to Godzilla himself, it does not permit us to use the other Toho creatures such as Mothra and Rodan. So, for the time being at least, we'll be presenting occasional monster-free-for-alls which pit Godzilla against our own Toho-inspired creations (such as Batragon and crew from issues 4 & 5). The Hulk, of course, is a monster of another (Marvel) stripe and perhaps someday. . .

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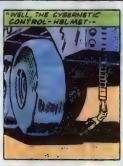
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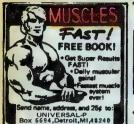
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STAN LEFT SOAPBOY Hey, culture lovers, here's a Thankselving treat for youl I won't try to sell you a single thing anywhere in this column! instead, I'll let you in on a sensiteshattering secret! Ready? Here it is! Even the mighty maguis of Mervel can make a mistake! And the one we made a few issues back is a real cymbal-clanger! If you're the one holdout in all of comicdom who didn't notice it, this is for you. Last August, right here in the cosmos-spanning Sosobox, I saked you to try to guess what PIZZAZZ was, I floured we'd make a little game out of it and I'd clue you in next ish, But, who know- WHO KNEW- my overeager little staff would be putting a big. full-page, full-color AD for PIZZAZZ right on the inside front cover of all those very serie mags7?111 There I was tryin' to tease you, slyly asking you to guess about something that was fully and completely described on a previous page in the same magazine? Talk about having egg all over your facel This time I got the whole chickent Oh well, weddaya expect from a guy who could never remember whether his own charactor was called Bruce Banner or Bob Bannorf Hey, speaking of that, here's another nutty thing that could only happen in the weeky world of Mervel. As you know, Universal Studios just completed a live-action, 2-hour specitv movie of everybody's favorite jolly green giant. (In fact, THE INCREDIBLE HULK may be prime-timing it on the tube by the time you read these imperishable words)! Anywey, what do you think they called of Doc Banner? Bruce? Uh-uh! Bob? Forget it! They decided to name him Dave! What there is about our recalcitrant little rempager that makes it so tough for people to get his name right I'll never knowl But there you have it, more living proof that-despite what you've always thought- even the minions of Marvel are sometimes less than perfect! But keep it to yourselves, huh? We'd hate the competish to find out that we're merely flesh and blood! Look, in case I'm sounding too humble. don't worry. One of them days, if we ever do something right, I'll tell you about that, tool

ITEMI Hey, we've been promising and promising to give you the scoop on JACK "King" KIRBY's two new tritles just as soon as the

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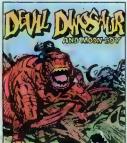
both of them sitting with us right now, so the

need for secrecy is certainly past. First off-

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expecting this-there's MACHINE MAN. If the title's not quite familier to you, it's because we felt a brand new feature ought to be launched with a brand new name, but Machine Men is most certainly Mister Mach whose adventures in the now-defunct 2001 book drew more comment and acclaim than any other stories in that searing sciencefiction series, With cyborg esper-heroes still rampaging on TV and star-warring robots stealing scenes at motion picture theaters, Jack's mechanized man with the ail-toohuman feelings ought to be one of his biggest successes yet! For his second title, Jack proves that there's no time or topic he can't bring the distinctive Kirby touch to by taking you into the primitive conflicts of earth's prehistoric past for the adventures of DEVIL DINOSAUR. We're betting that if you dig our GODZILLA book (and from cords, letters, and sales reports we've got to conclude that more than a few of you do), this one just her to be your mixture of monstrous mayhem! Both of these bombshells should be bursting your way in about a month's time, so wetch these pages for further announcements?



ITEM! You know, one of the things we're most often asked in the jillions of letters you people are good enough to send us is usually something like: "Hey! If Thor is trapped by the Cosmic Hairdresser's Rinss and Set machine in his own book, how is he able to fight side-by-side with the Vision, Iron Man, and the Scarlet Witch against the Giant Won-Tons of Fu Manchu in the latest AVENGERS?" Vexing as this type of dilemma is to all continuity buffs-and most of the Bullpen counts itself in the forefront of those ranksthere's a reasonably simple explanation, one put forward by STAN THE MAN himself in this very column several years back, which bears repeating every now and then for those of you who dropped in late to the Marvel Universe. Obviously, all of the adventures taking place in all of our various titles are not happening at the same time. What the mighty Thor is doing in his own book-to stick with our example-may be happening before or after what's going on in the AVENGERS. Also, Marvel time is not the same as real time. Showing four hours of the Thunder

God's admittedly hectic life may take four issues and four months of regular time, so that adds to the continuity confusion and creates situations like, having Peter Parker sunning himself in the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN while having a snowball fight in the same month's TEAM-UP or SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN. What we try to do is to occasionally leave time gaps between the end of one adventure and the start of another, so that an imaginative and industrious Marvelite can figure: "Ah! The Hulk was in Hohokus, New Jersey when he polished off Orioff the Orthodonist last issue, but this month's mag opens with him kicking sand in a bully's face on Pierro Beach! Getting there probably took him several days. That could explain why he had time to help Nighthawk and Helicat in the been-eating contact several issues ago in the DEFENDERSI" We think it's one of ally fun frings benefits of being a Marvel fan, and judging from some of the well-worked-out theses that a lot of you keep sending our way, you're in agreement. Try it sometime. . . We may not always agree on the exact course of Mervel history, but trying to plot may be the greatest parlor game since Twenty Questions.

ITEM! We know most of you are probably starting to think about Thanksgiving turkey, but as this is being written there's still a smidgen of Summer left, so we'll bow to the browbesting of the Bullpan Softbell Team and inform you that despite a slow start, the titanic ten are finishing the season strong with victories over Doubleday Books and rival comics group, Warren Publishing, No small part of these victories have come from such stellar performers as Vivacious VILMA FALCON, who in addition to working in our Subscription Department manages to pitch, hit, and field like a pro, and to Devastating DAVIDA LICHTER-DALE and Ramblin' RICK PARKER of art production, who usually carry the beer.

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